

HOUSE BILL No. 1270

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-17.2-7.2.

Synopsis: Prekindergarten education. Expands the prekindergarten pilot program to include 13 counties that were selected as finalist counties by the office of the secretary of family and social services but were not selected as one of the five initial pilot counties. Funds the pilot program for the 13 counties in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000, as approved by the budget agency, from amounts reverted to the state general fund in a state fiscal year from funds appropriated. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund to provide grants to eligible providers located in the 13 additional counties. Makes a continuous appropriation from the fund.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-7.2-4.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.7. As used in this chapter,**
4 **"pilot fund" refers to the prekindergarten pilot program fund**
5 **established by section 13.5 of this chapter.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-7.2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2014,
7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The office may establish a pilot program
9 to provide grants for qualified early education services in a manner
10 consistent with how funds are distributed under the Child Care and
11 Development Fund (CCDF) grant program.

12 (b) The office shall administer the pilot program. ~~The program may~~
13 ~~include eligible providers in not more than five (5) counties. In~~
14 ~~determining which counties are designated as pilot counties, the office~~
15 ~~shall attempt to achieve diversity among the designated counties based~~
16 ~~on the geographical location of the counties, the population of the~~
17 ~~counties, and whether the counties are primarily rural or urban. The~~



office shall ensure that the counties selected include a population of eligible children sufficient to conduct the longitudinal study under section 12 of this chapter.

(c) Before July 1, 2016, the program includes eligible providers in the following pilot counties:

- (1) Allen.
- (2) Jackson.
- (3) Lake.
- (4) Marion.
- (5) Vanderburgh.

(d) After June 30, 2016, in addition to eligible providers located in the pilot counties described in subsection (c) and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the program includes eligible providers located in the following pilot counties:

- (1) Bartholomew.
- (2) Delaware.
- (3) Elkhart.
- (4) Grant.
- (5) Howard.
- (6) Kosciusko.
- (7) Lawrence.
- (8) Madison.
- (9) Noble.
- (10) St. Joseph.
- (11) Tippecanoe.
- (12) Vigo.
- (13) Wayne.

However, to be considered a pilot county under this subsection, the pilot county must be able to implement the pilot program not later than August 1, 2016.

~~(c)~~ (e) Subject to the requirements of this chapter, the office shall determine:

- (1) the eligibility requirements, application process, and selection process for awarding grants under the pilot program;
- (2) the administration and reporting requirements for eligible providers participating in the pilot program; and
- (3) with the assistance of the early learning advisory committee, an appropriate outcomes based accountability system for eligible providers.

~~(d)~~ (f) Before implementing the pilot program, the office shall submit the provisions of the pilot program to the state board of education for the state board of education's review and comment.



(g) The office shall, subject to the availability of funding, determine the number of eligible children who will participate in the pilot program.

SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-7.2-9.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 9.2. The pilot program in counties described in section 7(d) of this chapter must be funded in an amount not to exceed forty million dollars (\$40,000,000), as approved by the budget agency, from amounts reverted to the state general fund in a state fiscal year from funds appropriated. The amounts approved under this section shall be deposited into the pilot fund.**

SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-7.2-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 13.5. (a) The prekindergarten pilot program fund is established to provide grants to eligible providers located in counties described in section 7(d) of this chapter.**

(b) The fund consists of:

- (1) money deposited into the fund under section 9.2 of this chapter;**
- (2) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**
- and**
- (3) grants or gifts to the fund.**

(c) The fund shall be administered by the office.

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

(g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose stated in subsection (a).

SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

